



CHAPTER 3: VISION AND GOALS



Harrison County's vision and goals were based on extensive public input

Introduction

The Harrison County Comprehensive Plan is intended as a working community document. A combination of long and short-term goals, this document is intended to serve as a guide for future development decisions so that the county may realize its vision for the future. The following goals and objectives are deliberately broad in nature, relate to the vision statement and answer the question, "Where do we want to go?" The objectives are further discussed in Chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7. The action steps provided in Chapter 8 are intended to guide the day-to-day decision-making concerning more specific actions. These short-term action steps say, "given our long-term goals and changing community conditions, these are the projects and programs that we want to complete in the short-term, and this is how we plan to accomplish them."

The following Vision Statement and set of Goals were developed through a series of key stakeholder interviews, focus groups, public workshops, and steering committee meetings. This chapter serves as Harrison County's foundation as it strives to meet the needs and capitalize on opportunities relating to land use, transportation and public facilities.



Harrison County Vision Statement

Harrison County values our small town and rural lifestyle in a setting of inspiring natural beauty and economic opportunities. Our place in a growing region means we must respond to pressures to develop. We will successfully manage growth by focusing on sustainable locations, quantity and quality of development. Our vast natural assets, such as caves, limestone, forests and fertile soil, complemented by our infrastructure investments provide the basis for making decisions in the best interest of all Harrison County. This plan is our approach to balancing development opportunities with good stewardship of the land so that generations to come may continue to enjoy our way of life.





Harrison County Goals

1. Promote responsible development practices by encouraging residential development in areas adjacent to existing development and with adequate infrastructure.
2. Preserve the small town charm and rural character of Harrison County.
3. Focus industrial and commercial development in strategic locations within Harrison County.
4. Preserve and protect the natural resources of Harrison County for the use and enjoyment of future generations.
5. Promote collaboration and public consensus with respect to the planning and development of Harrison County.
6. Develop a safe and efficient transportation system to serve the needs of all residents, businesses, and visitors to Harrison County.
7. Respond to the life-long educational needs of Harrison County.
8. Support the expansion and enhancement of services, programs, and facilities within Harrison County.



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